

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



April 13, 1995

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-20-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: ADVANCES FOR COUNTY ALLOCATIONS FOR THE FAMILY PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (FPSP)

REFERENCE: Letter to County Boards of Supervisors dated July 1, 1994;  
CFL 90/91-60; ACIN I-08-95

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding advancing of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1994 and subsequent FY funds to counties for the Family Preservation and Support Program (FPSP).

On April 1, 1995, the CDSS will begin monthly advances of the FPSP county allocations. Payment will be made in six monthly installments. A total of \$4.8 million will be advanced to counties, with the remainder of the allocation withheld to cover pending claims for the December 1994 and March 1995 quarters. Beginning on October 1, 1995, the CDSS will advance one-twelfth of each county's annual allocation each month. Advances will be adjusted to actual expenditures using the regular advance process.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding this letter, please contact your county FPSP consultant, at (916) 445-2871. For guidance in resolving fiscal issues related to this letter, please contact Cynthia Louie, Chief, Financial Services Bureau, at (916) 657-3390.

Sincerely,

MARJORIE KELLY  
Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division

c: FPSP County Contacts

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



April 18, 1995

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-21-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY NET COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY TCC COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY SCC COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CAAP COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CAL-LEARN COORDINATORS

Reason for this Transmittal

- ☒ State Law Change  
☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change  
☐ Court Order  
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SUBJECT: TRUSTLINE REGISTRATION OF LICENSE EXEMPT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

This notice alerts you to the passage of state legislation which impacts programs providing child care subsidies to current or former recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

Assembly Bill (AB) 2560 (Chapter 1268, Statutes of 1994), requires all license exempt child care providers, excluding aunts, uncles or grandparents of the child in care, serving families in the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program, the Non-GAIN Education and Training (NET) program, the Transitional Child Care (TCC) program, the At Risk Child Care Program (ARCCP), the Supplemental Child Care (SCC) program, the California Alternative Assistance Program (CAAP) and the Cal-Learn program to be registered with Trustline. Trustline registration is not required for AFDC cases that only receive the child care income disregard. Child care providers who are receiving payment from Title IV-A programs at the time that Trustline is implemented will not be required to register with Trustline unless there is a break in participation or a change in families using the provider. Trustline registration is currently required for the Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant program and the Alternative Payment Programs administered by the California Department of Education (CDE).

The California Child Care Resource and Referral (R & R) Network and the Department of Justice (DOJ) jointly operate Trustline. Using application information and the child care provider's fingerprints, the Trustline process checks the backgrounds of license exempt child care providers to determine if they have a history of criminal convictions or child abuse. The fingerprints and application information are used by DOJ to conduct a search of the California Criminal History System and the California Child Abuse Central Index. Once the background check is complete, and no record of criminal activity or child abuse is found, or DOJ has made a determination that the applicant does not present a risk to children, the applicant's name is placed on the Trustline Registry. Verification of Trustline registration can be made by calling a toll-free telephone number (1-800-822-8490) that is operated by the R & R Network.

When the background check results in a "hit" (a criminal conviction or substantiated record of child abuse), DOJ will determine if the conviction or the information on the central registry would indicate that the individual poses a danger to children. If there is a determination of potential risk, DOJ will deny the registration. If the trustline applicant is denied registration, the provider becomes ineligible for payment and the parent will need to make new child care arrangements. Certain serious offenses are specified in statute as grounds for denial with limited appeal rights. If a child care provider is convicted of a crime subsequent to registration, their name is removed from the Trustline registry and they become ineligible for payment.

Since Trustline procedures were developed for CDE programs, modification is needed to accommodate county welfare department (CWD) operations. A workgroup was formed several months ago to discuss county implementation issues. The workgroup consists of county representatives and staff from the California Department of Social Services, DOJ, the R & R Network and CDE. CWDs will be responsible for ensuring that Title IV-A program participants comply with Trustline requirements. According to the recommendations of the workgroup, counties will have the option of providing Trustline application information to recipients directly or referring them to the local resource and referral program. The local resource and referral program, however, will be responsible for ensuring that all completed applications are submitted to DOJ. Program participants will have 30 days in which to have their provider apply for Trustline registration before payment to the provider is terminated. In conjunction with the workgroup, we have tried to minimize the workload impact on counties and have budgeted some funding to cover county administrative costs.

We project that implementation will occur first with the ARCCP in May 1995, and in the remaining programs in July 1995. Prior to that date, an All County Letter will be issued to counties which contains emergency Trustline regulations and implementation instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please contact Mike Fishel, Child Care Programs Section, at (916) 654-3825. You may also contact the analyst assigned to your county for the GAIN, Cal-Learn or child care program that you administer.

Sincerely,



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Welfare Programs Division